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The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian

**Poverty**

We live in the world’s wealthiest nation: The United States of America.

Yet 15% of people in the United States live in poverty.

More than 1 in 5 children in the U.S. live in households that struggle to put food on the table.

That’s 16.2 million children.

Poverty is awful for an individual and devastating for a community.

It squashes hope.

Hopelessness leads to addiction.

Addiction leads to death.

Death leads to more children being left in poverty.

How do we break this cycle of poverty?

Some say it is through meeting basic needs,

“Giving a man a fish.”

Some say it is through education,

“Teaching a man to fish.”

Some say it starts with a spark.

A spark that refuses to die.

A spark that believes things can be different.

A spark that pushes you outside your comfort zone and keeps you moving in a direction you never thought possible.

A spark that refuses to let poverty squash hope.

Where’s your spark?